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Letter dated 21 May 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the following statements of Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty:

Statistical breakdown of Israeli violations committed between 1 and 12 May 2002;

Summary of Israeli aerial violations committed on 10, 11 and 12 May 2002.

The breaches of Lebanon's sovereignty that Israel commits on land, at sea and in the air are in violation of the Blue Line and of the provisions of Security Council resolution 425 (1978), and they pose a threat to stability and promote a climate of tension in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Houssam Asaad **Diab**
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Statistical breakdown of Israeli violations committed between 1 and 12 May 2002

In the air				*At sea*	*On the ground*			*Total*	*Remarks*
					Military attacks	*Field violations*	*Infringements*		
Jet fighters	Reconnaissance aircraft	Helicopters	Total	Violations of territorial waters and launching of flares	Air raids and bombardment of military outposts and important centres	Artillery bombardments, shooting and placement of installations inside Lebanese territory	Threats and brandishing of weapons, earthmoving and placement of concertina wire inside Lebanese territory		
15	16	7	38	10	2	3	5	58	Total violations in previous month: 86
									Table does not include violations in the occupied Shab`a farmlands and the Kafr Shuba hills area, a zone of military operations

Summary of Israeli aerial violations committed on 10, 11 and 12 May 2002

Day and date	*Time*	*Incident*
Friday, 10 May 2002	0150	A reconnaissance aircraft belonging to the Israeli enemy entered Lebanese airspace over the sea off the Zahrani heading for Damur, circled between Damur and Sidon and left Lebanese airspace over the sea off Naqurah.
Saturday, 11 May 2002	1500-1815	Warplanes belonging to the Israeli enemy overflew the South and Beirut at very high altitudes and overflew Shikka 10 nautical miles offshore, and an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Western Bekaa as far as Baruk.
	1925-2330	Helicopters and a reconnaissance aircraft belonging to the Israeli enemy overflew the South and the occupied Shab`a farmlands at very high altitudes.
Sunday, 12 May 2002	1. 0700-0715	1. Two helicopters over the occupied Shab`a farmlands
	2. 1020-1230	2. Warplanes over the South, Mount Lebanon and the Western Bekaa
	3. 1410-1500	3. Warplanes over the South, the Bekaa, the North and Mount Lebanon
	4. 1930-2000	4. A reconnaissance aircraft over Jazzin
	5. 2100-2200	5. Warplanes over the South, and helicopters over Iqlim al-Tuffah, Jazzin and the occupied Shab`a farmlands (18 aircraft)
	6. 2135-2150	6. Warplanes over the Shuf and over the Shuf coast

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